# First Congregational
## United Church of Christ

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**An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice**

**January 29, 2023**
**10:00 am**

**“The Vision Beautiful”**

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**
**Health and Human Services Sunday**

**No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, You are welcome here!**

**WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.**

**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234**

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Hybrid Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

## OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
## First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

**RINGING THE BELL** — **MARTY KLEINO**

**PRELUDE** — *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud — **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

**"A Fine Romance"** By Jerome Kern

**WELCOME** — **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** — **PASTOR LIZ**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - Leading worship this morning are Jeanette Sherrill and Margaret Harner.
  - Margaret Harner is Zoom Greeter and Donna Eyster is Room Greeter.
  - The Greeter will introduce folks participating in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is in our beloved ministry community.
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**GATHERING HYMN** — *Microphone muted — **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

**"Star Child"**
**174 SING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** — *Responsive — **MARGARET HARNER**

Leader: We are blessed when we hunger for justice and thirst for reconciliation.

**People: Our souls are nourished by God's hope and grace.**

Leader: We are blessed when we grieve over the brokenness of the world,

**People: Choosing, as God does, to be with those who are weak and powerless.**

Leader**:** We are blessed when we become God's fools,

**People**: **Willing to do what is right and good, not what is easy.**

**HYMN** — *Microphone muted — *Standing optional — **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

**"Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit"**
**176 NCH**

## LISTENING FOR GOD

**FIRST READING** **Micah 6:1-8** **JEANETTE SHERRILL**

**POWER OF PARTNERSHIP: Gamaliel Race and Power Institute 11-30-22**
**REMARKS BY REV. DR. DEBORAH KRAUSE, President, Eden Theological Seminary**

**HYMN** *Microphone muted *Standing optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**
**"Sois la Semilla (You Are the Seed)"**
**528 NCH**

**MORNING MESSAGE "The Vision Beautiful" MARGARET HARNER & JEANETTE SHERRILL**

**Matthew 5:1-12 and Incarnational Beatitudes** by Nicole Anderson

### Scripture Dialogue

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down,
his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying;
*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kin-dom of heaven.*

Blessed are the homeless and those who beg for spare change,
for they will inherit the house of the Lord**.**

*Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted.*

Blessed are the black mothers who lament the deaths of their sons
at the hands of the state, for they will be comforted.

*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*

Blessed are the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual,
and pansexual individuals who reflect the very image of God, for they will inherit
the earth.

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

Blessed are the undocumented workers whose labors are hard
and whose fear of deportation is real every day, for they will produce many fruits
to sustain the kin-dom of heaven.

*Blessed are the merciful for they will receive mercy.*

Blessed are the disenfranchised children of Flint, Michigan.
of the South Side of Chicago; of the boroughs of New York; of Aleppo and Syria;
of Haiti; of Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, and all of Africa; and of Ypsilanti, for they will
see God.

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*

Blessed are the peacemakers as named by Martin Luther King, Jr.,
who continue to strive in making his dream a reality,
for they will be called children of God.

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

Blessed are our Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, Hindu, and First Nation siblings,
and all other siblings of differing faiths, who do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with their god, for theirs is the kin-dom of heaven.

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kin-dom of heaven.*

Blessed are those who are detained, deported, and unjustly held for showing radical love and grace to a world filled with violence and hate,
for their reward is great in heaven.

*Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you*
*and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.*
*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,*
*for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."*

## CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *Pause Zoom recording
*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

**PASTORAL PRAYER** *Restart Zoom recording **JEANETTE SHERRILL**

**DISCIPLES' PRAYER** *Unison with Microphone muted **JEANETTE SHERRILL**

**How do we approach you, O God, with our confessions?**
**We make you weary with our inability to do justice for the poor and outcast.**
**We gossip about those who are close to us, instead of being their loving friend.**
**We make promises, and then go back on our word.**
**Forgive us, God of Hope, and bless us with your mercy.**
**By your peace, we can do justice. By your love, we can act kindly.**
**By your grace, we can walk with you as humbly,**
**and hopefully as Jesus.**
**Amen.**

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY INVITATION** **JEANETTE SHERRILL**

**Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly**
**Please place in-person offerings in the gold offeringplace on the table by the door.**

**Checks can be mailed to:**
**First Congregational United Church of Christ**
**PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198**

***Thank you for your generosity!***

**OFFERTORY** **"I Got It Bad (and That Ain't Good"** **VISHNU SRINIVAS**
By, Duke Ellington

**DOXOLOGY** *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

**"Take My Gifts" v.2, 562 NCH**

*Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,*
*Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,*
*Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,*
*Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *Unison with Microphone muted **MARGARET HARNER**

**O God, we bring our offerings to encourage all who work**
**for justice and peace on our behalf.**
**May they not grow faint or be crushed by opposition.**
**May the oppressed find healing, the discouraged receive hope,**
**and those who are bound, discover freedom. Beyond our financial offerings,**
**lead us into the work for equity, justice, and peace.**
**Amen.**

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## DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

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**CLOSING HYMN** *Microphone muted *Standing optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

**"God of Change and Glory"**
**177 NCH**

**BENEDICTION** *Microphone muted *Unison **JEANETTE SHERRILL**

**Oh God may we receive your blessing, through**
**sharing your blessings beyond borders.**
**May we receive your gifts, from those who carry nothing.**
**May we find a safe home and peace in you**
**who had no place to lay your head.**
**Amen.**

**POSTLUDE** Please remain seated **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

**"Fly Me to the Moon"** By, Bart Howard

**PASSING THE PEACE** **FRIENDS GATHERED**

***Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click "yes")

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

**Hybrid Sunday Worship 10:00 am**

**Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director**
**Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director**
**Vishnu Sri, Accompanist**

**Jenn Zibbell, MID Ministry Intern**
**Jeanette Sherrill & Margaret Harner, Worship Leaders**
**Marty Kleino, Usher & Bell Ringer**

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- **Call to Worship/ Disciples Prayers:** *Playing Hopscotch in Heaven* Thom Shuman (Adapted)
- **Prayer of Dedication:** Lavon Baylor, *Taught by Love* (Adapted)
- **Benediction:** *Liturgies from Below,* ed by Claudio Carvalhaes (Adapted)
- **Hymn Profiles:** *New Centur;y Hymnal Companion,* Pilgrim Press (1999).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**For pastoral care needs and/or emergencies, please call or text Pastor Liz, 734-358-6108**

**More about today's worship:** Last month Tad and several members of WeROC attended the launch of the national **Gamaliel Race and Power Institute.** They joined 180 people from 40 other Gamaliel Network affiliated organizations. The Institute's mission is how a diverse network of people of faith and our allies can become more effective in building the power to eradicate the white supremacy and strategic racism that has long been used by the wealthiest in our country as a wedge dividing us from each other. It was from Tad's experience at the Institute 4-day gathering that provided inspiration for today's service. **Thank you, Tad, for your faith, compassion and guidance in our faith community. You are indeed a blessing.**

**Worship Next Week: Worship Leader is Ivan Harner; Greeters are Jeanette Sherrill** (Zoom) and **Margaret Harner** (Room).

**2023 Monthly Worship Team Meetings**

**The Worship Team will meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm via the church zoom. Our next meeting will be Monday, February 13.** The remaining 2023 Worship Team Meeting dates are Mar 13, Apr 10, May 8, Jun 12, Jul 10, Aug 14, Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, & Dec 11.

In order to streamline decision-making and increase communication across all team members, the 2023 Worship Team standing monthly meeting will consist of these church roles: Pastor (Liz), Music Director (Tiffanie), Moderator (Donna), Worship Coordinator (Margaret), Technical Coordinator (Melanie) and Liturgist (Jeanette). The goal of scheduling a standing monthly Worship Team Meeting based on these church roles is to allow a consistent working group to meet regularly to make decisions about worship creation and delivery prior to our monthly executive level Church Council Meeting. This new format should help reduce the length, and increase the efficiency, of our monthly Church Council Meetings.

**Weekly Ypsi UCC Community Discernment Gatherings resume on Mondays at 7:00 pm on Zoom beginning January 30, 2023.** Due to the 2023 standing Monthly Worship Team Meeting schedule, there will not be a Community Discernment Gathering held on Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10, May 8, Jun 12, Jul 10, Aug 14, Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, or Dec 11.

> "These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God." I Corinthians 2:10
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> "There is a sweet spot between the known and the unknown where originality happens; the key is to be able to linger there without panicking." Ed Catmull, Pixar

Our on-going Zoom Community Discernment Gatherings will resume on Monday nights at 7:00 pm after the recent Advent/Christmas/Epiphany "pause" beginning on January 30, 2023. Many thanks to Rev. LeAnn Seto for providing copies of the United Methodist Church 2017 Annual Conference handout summarizing the key points of Susan Beaumont's *Leading in a Liminal Season*. This outline is a wonderful support tool for understanding the dynamics we are currently experiencing as we "Lead with Prescence" through this season of ambiguity and disorientation in the life of our church. Roomies can pick up a copy at the church by the door. Zoomies, please send Pastor Liz an email **(lizlarrivee@gmail.com)** if you would like a copy, and she will mail one to you via the USPS.

Please bring your thoughts about "What makes us a church?" (vs. another type of non-profit, community organization, club, or volunteer group) to the January 30 7:00 pm Zoom gathering. We will be reviewing our most recent Ypsi UCC "Mission Statement(s)" as a launch point for our discussion. Thanks to all who are contributing their time, talents, and love to gathering weekly on Mondays 7:00 pm (Community Discernment Gatherings) and/or bi-weekly on Wednesdays 7:00 pm beginning January 18 (Engaging Christian Contemplative Practirshipces) as we listen for the Holy Spirit's still speaking voice calling us toward our shared ministry future together.

**Church Council** will meet at 7:00 on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The next Council will be February 22nd on Zoom. All are welcome.

**Annual Meeting: Mark you calendars and save the date!** The Annual Meeting of the Ypsilanti First Congregational United Church of Christ has been called for Sunday, February 19, 2023, immediately following worship.

# OUR MINISTRIES

## HOLY GROUNDS

During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of Ypsi UCC provided local coffee, tea, coffee cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at Trinity Health St. Joe Mercy Hospital where Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown is the night chaplain. While the COVID crisis has partially resolved, the stress level of the night staff has not. Contributing factors include the long-term emerging effects of COVID, a lack of staff, a nation-wide nurse shortage, and staff burnout. The night shift greatly appreciates this ministry of hospitality and caring.

Please consider donating coffee that is roasted by local Michigan companies. Tea and single packaged candy or snacks are also welcome. Please contact Marty Kleino at Mgkleino@gmail.com or 734-262-1419 to have your donation delivered to St. Joes. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Dan Kidder-McQuown at mcq188@gmail.com or 517-240-8413.

## THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the newest community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, MI-ONA (Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition) serving LGTBQ+ persons, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

## IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

*To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.*

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with

Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

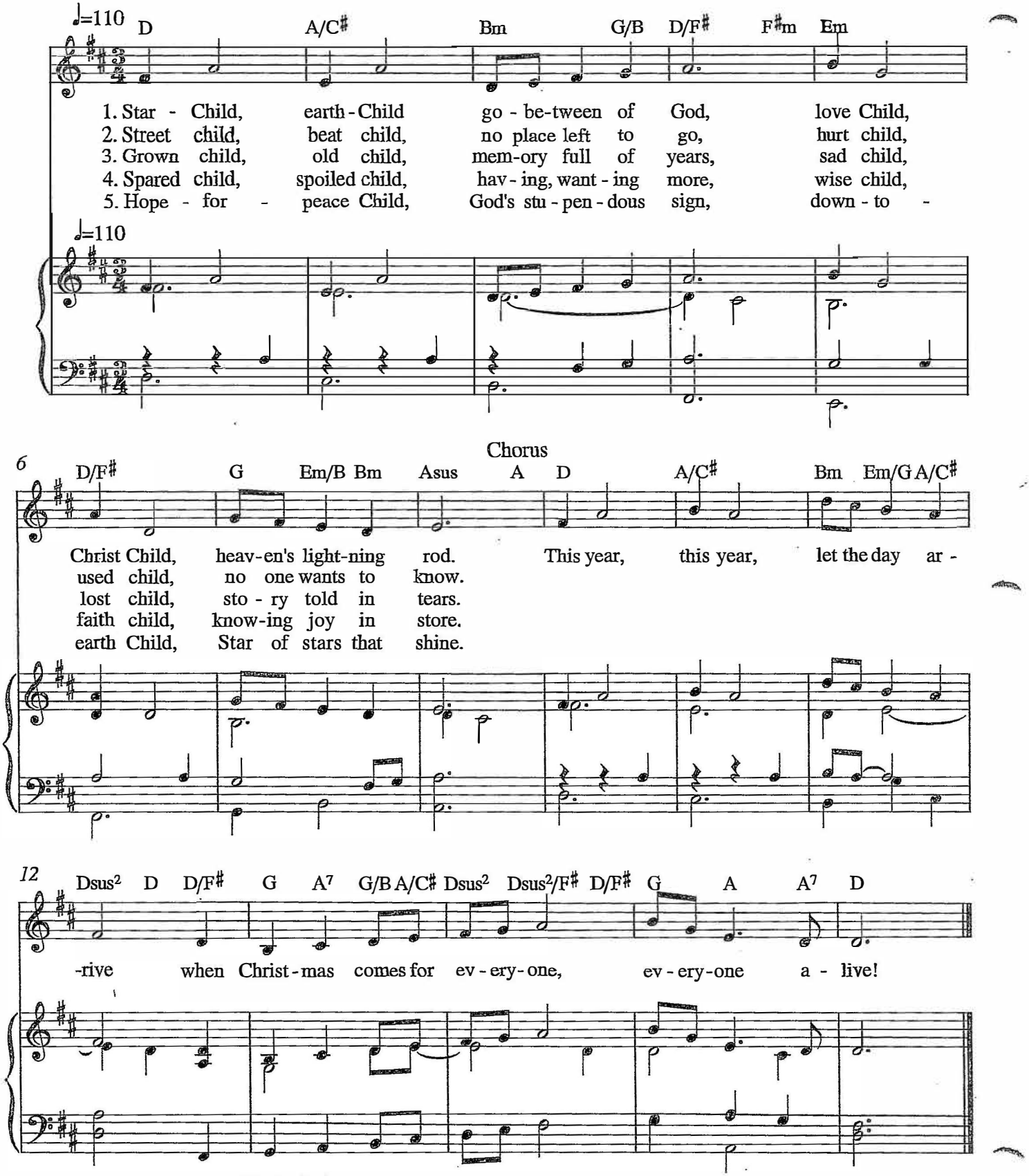
**WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION**

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

*WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.*

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

# Star-Child

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2. Street child, beat child, no place left to go, hurt child,
3. Grown child, old child, mem-ory full of years, sad child,
4. Spared child, spoiled child, hav - ing, want - ing more, wise child,
5. Hope - for - peace Child, God's stu - pen - dous sign, down - to -
♩=110
Chorus
6
D/F♯ G Em/B Bm Asus A D A/C♯ Bm Em/G A/C♯
Christ Child, heav-en's light-ning rod. This year, this year, let the day ar -
used child, no one wants to know.
lost child, sto - ry told in tears.
faith child, know-ing joy in store.
earth Child, Star of stars that shine.
12
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-rive when Christ - mas comes for ev - ery - one, ev - ery-one a - live!

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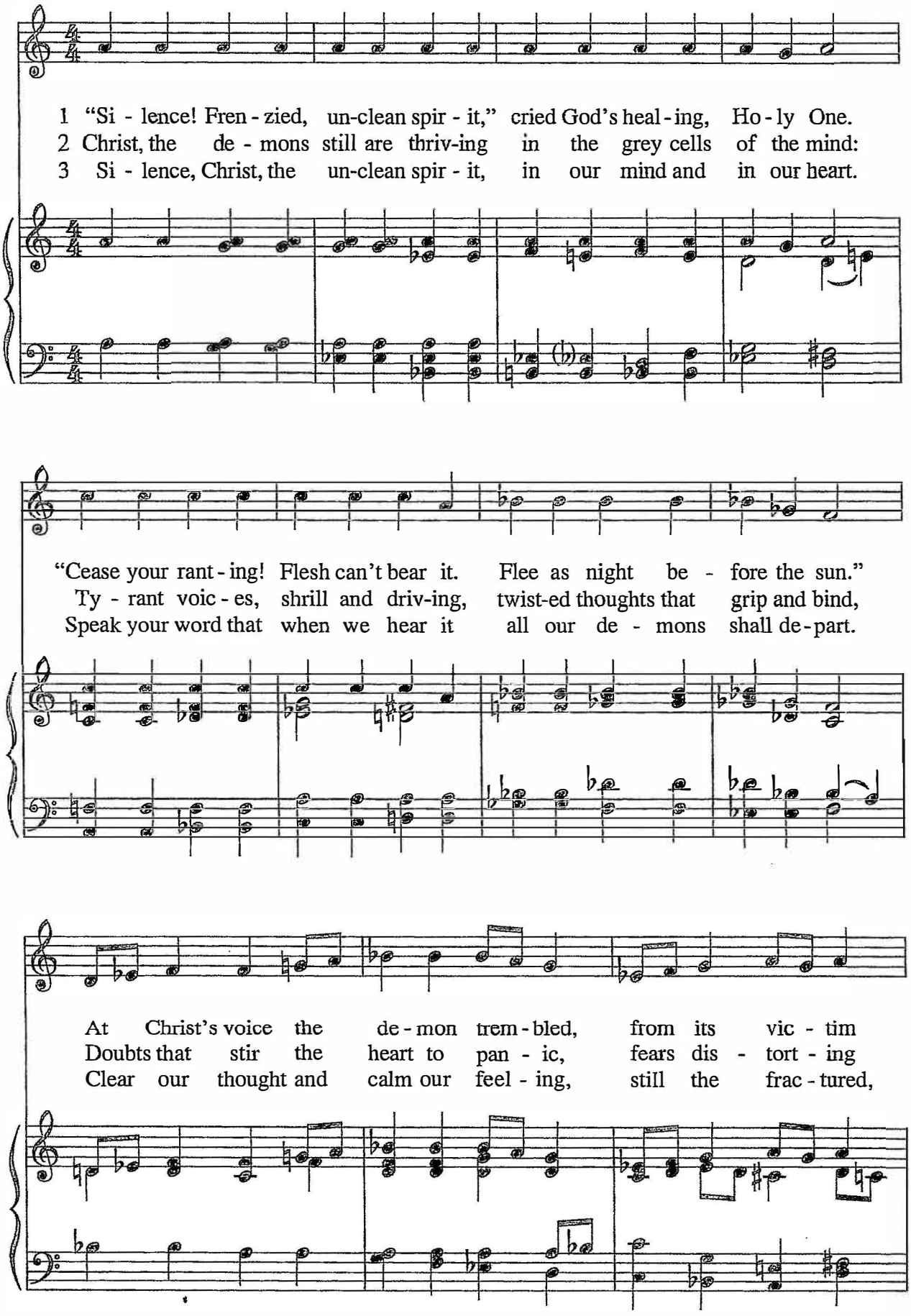
# 176 "Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit"

*Mark 1:21–28; Luke 4:33–37*

*Thomas H. Troeger, 1984; rev. 1993*


1 "Si - lence! Fren - zied, un-clean spir - it," cried God's heal - ing, Ho - ly One.
2 Christ, the de - mons still are thriv-ing in the grey cells of the mind:
3 Si - lence, Christ, the un-clean spir - it, in our mind and in our heart.
"Cease your rant - ing! Flesh can't bear it. Flee as night be - fore the sun."
Ty - rant voic - es, shrill and driv-ing, twist-ed thoughts that grip and bind,
Speak your word that when we hear it all our de - mons shall de - part.
At Christ's voice the de - mon trem - bled, from its vic - tim
Doubts that stir the heart to pan - ic, fears dis - tort - ing
Clear our thought and calm our feel - ing, still the frac - tured,

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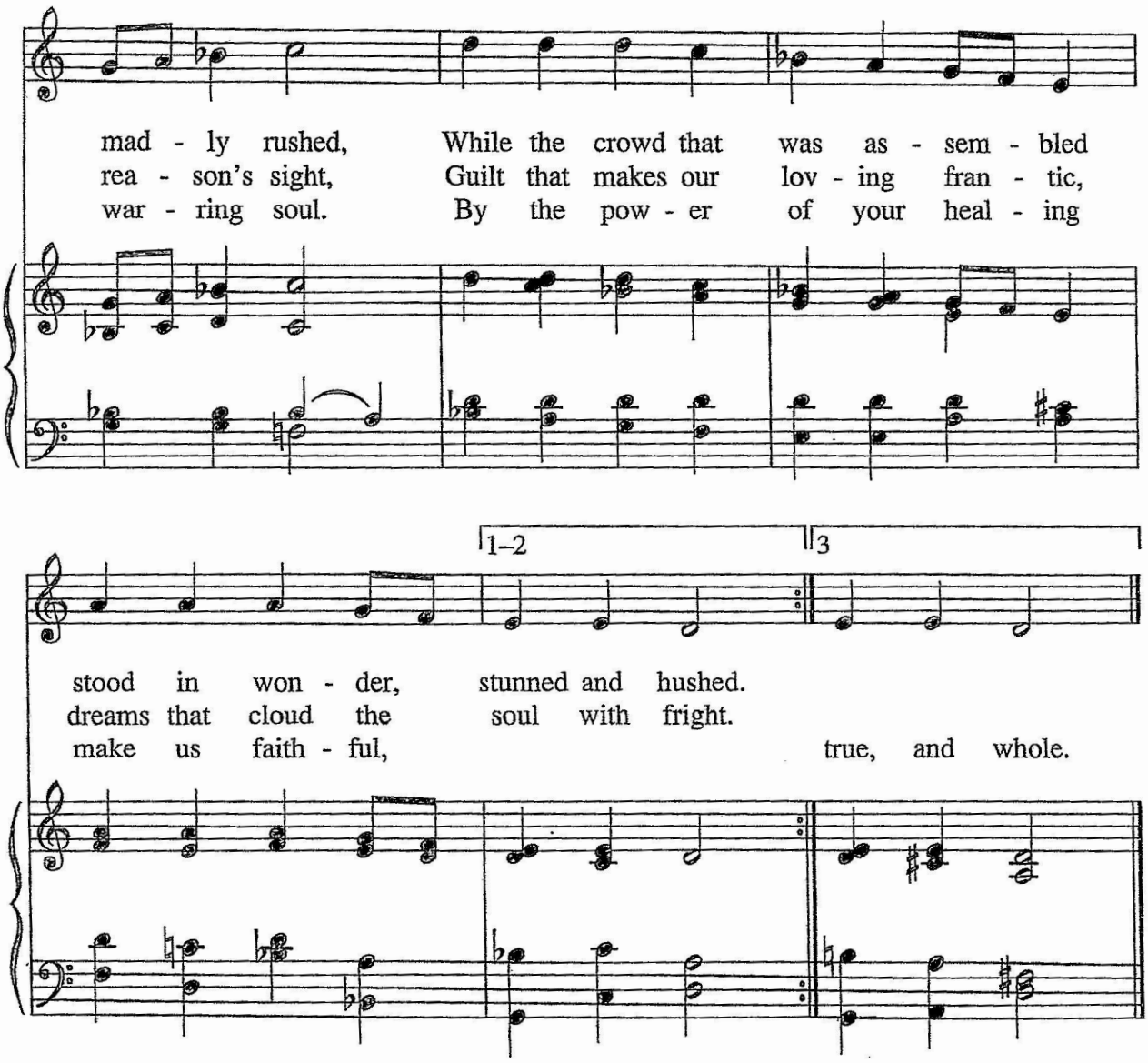
mad - ly rushed, While the crowd that was as - sem - bled
rea - son's sight, Guilt that makes our lov - ing fran - tic,
war - ring soul. By the pow - er of your heal - ing
1–2
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stood in won - der, stunned and hushed.
dreams that cloud the soul with fright.
make us faith - ful, true, and whole.

*Thomas H. Troeger has stated: "'Silence! Frenzied Unclean Spirit' represented my personal desperation to come to terms with the meaning of demons and the profound emotional turmoil I encountered in many people when I was a pastor. I wanted to draw on the strength of Christ's exorcism for facing these painful situations."*

Tune: AUTHORITY 8.7.8.7.D.
*Carol Doran, 1984*
*Alternate tune: JEFFERSON*

Thomas H. Troeger seeks in many of his hymn texts to vividly portray a biblical story, then to explore the story's implications for the present day. This type of biblical exegesis is enabled by Troeger's experience as an ordained minister and his gift for poetic expression.

Carol Doran (b. 1936) composed this melody to convey the two contrasting moods presented by the text. The first half exhibits the struggle of the demon and the strength that Christ brought to its exorcism, while the second section suggests Christ's assurance of healing. The tune is called AUTHORITY.

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# Sois la Semilla
## (You Are the Seed)

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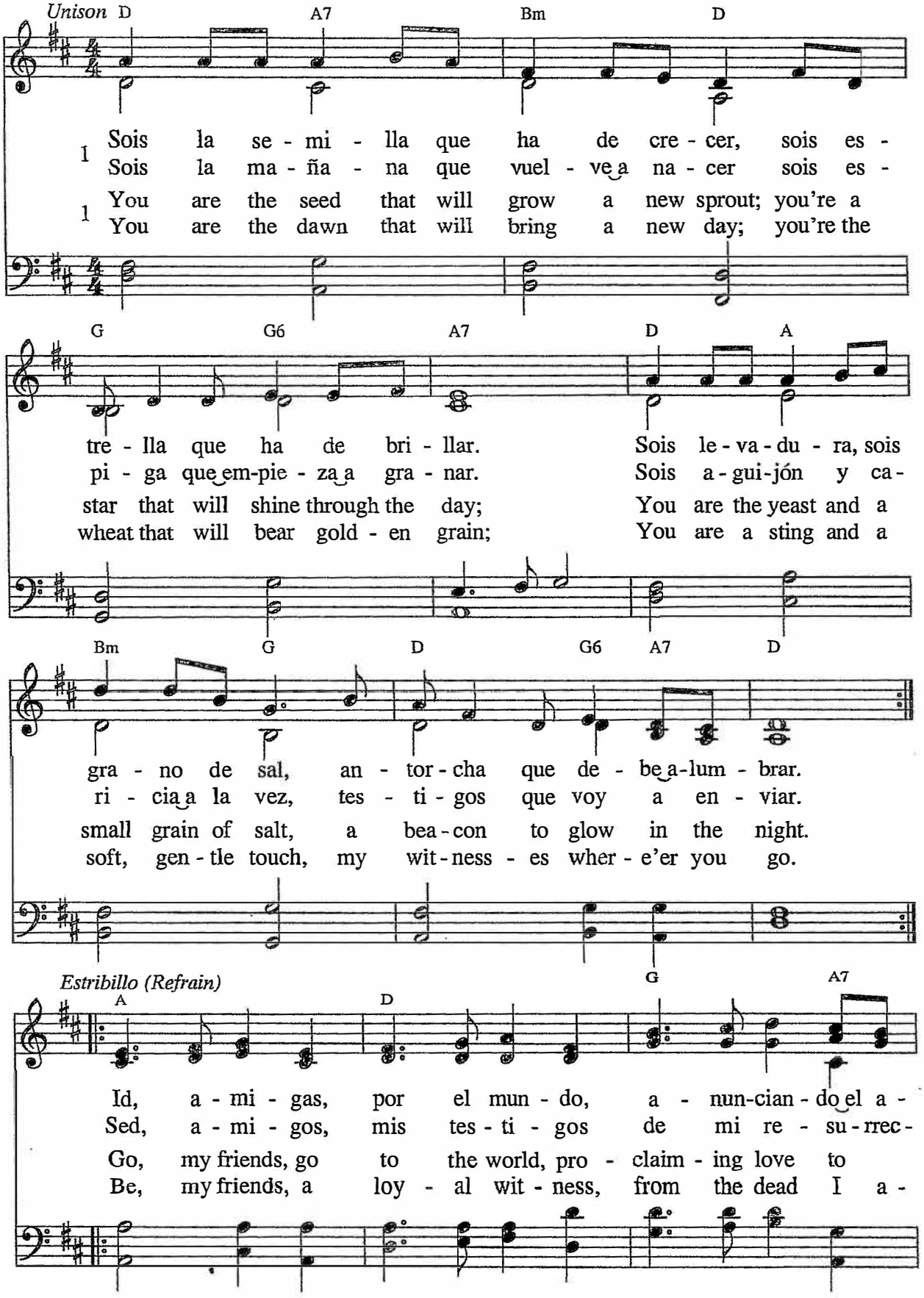
*Matt. 13:24–30, 33, 36–43; 5:13–16; 28:18–20*

*Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1979; alt.*
*Transl. Raquel Gutiérrez-Achon and Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987; alt.*

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D A7 Bm D
1 Sois la se - mi - lla que ha de cre - cer, sois es -
Sois la ma - ña - na que vuel - ve a na - cer sois es -
1 You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a
You are the dawn that will bring a new day; you're the
G G6 A7 D A
tre - lla que ha de bri - llar. Sois le - va - du - ra, sois
pi - ga que em-pie - za a gra - nar. Sois a - gui-jón y ca -
star that will shine through the day; You are the yeast and a
wheat that will bear gold - en grain; You are a sting and a
Bm G D G6 A7 D
gra - no de sal, an - tor - cha que de - be a-lum - brar.
ri - cia a la vez, tes - ti - gos que voy a en - viar.
small grain of salt, a bea - con to glow in the night.
soft, gen - tle touch, my wit - ness - es wher - e'er you go.
Estribillo (Refrain)
A D G A7
Id, a - mi - gas, por el mun - do, a - nun-cian - do el a -
Sed, a - mi - gos, mis tes - ti - gos de mi re - su - rrec -
Go, my friends, go to the world, pro - claim - ing love to
Be, my friends, a loy - al wit - ness, from the dead I a -

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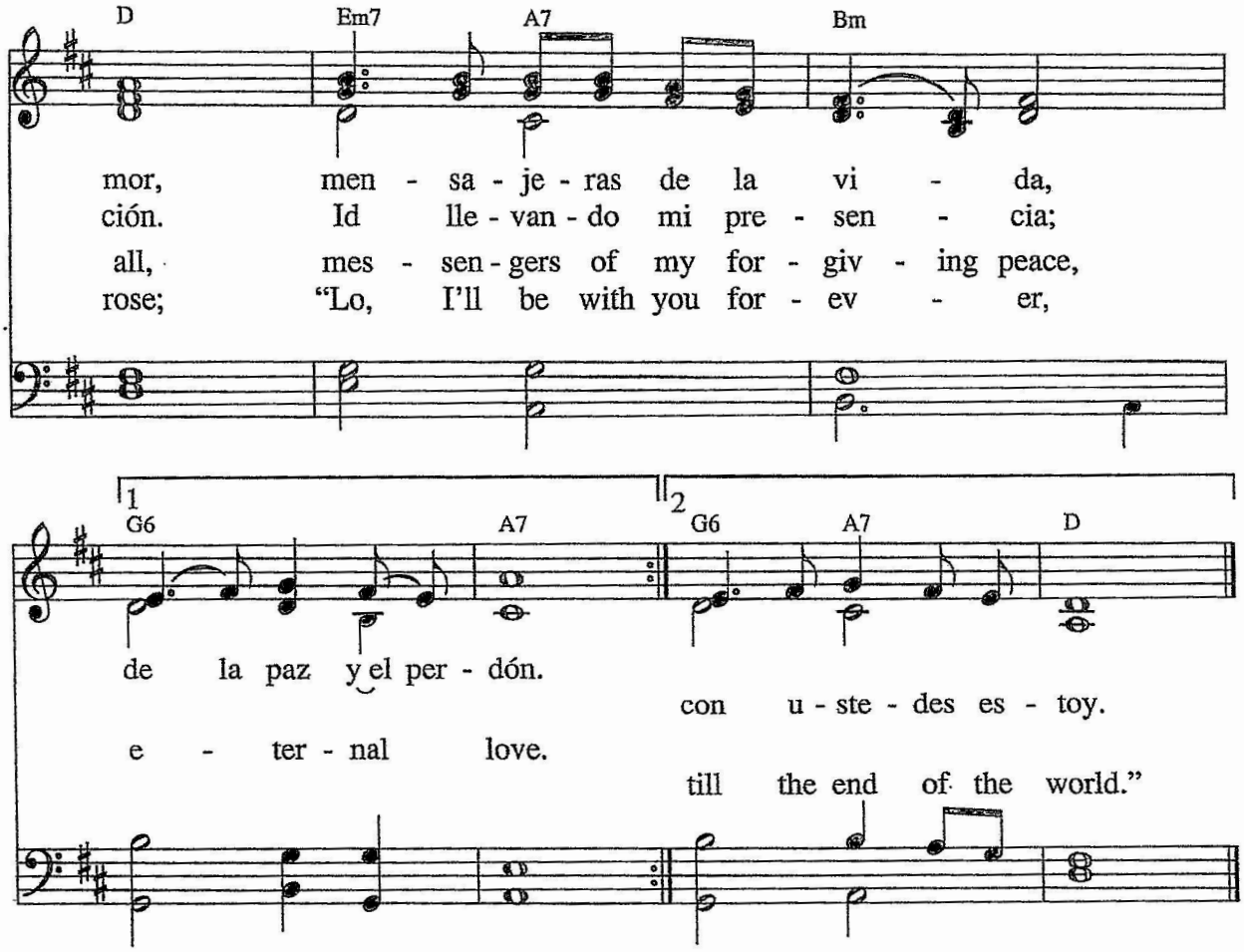
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ción. Id lle - van - do mi pre - sen - cia;
all, mes - sen - gers of my for - giv - ing peace,
rose; "Lo, I'll be with you for - ev - er,
1
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D
de la paz y el per - dón.
con u - ste - des es - toy.
e - ter - nal love.
till the end of the world."

2 Sois u-na lla-ma
que ha de en-cen-der
res-plan-do-res de fe y ca-ri-dad.
Sois los pas-to-res que han de lle-var
al mun-do por sen-das de paz.
Sois los a-mi-gos que qui-se es-co-ger,
sois pa-la-bra que in-ten-to es-par-cir.
Sois rei-no nue-vo
que em-pie-za a en-gen-drar
jus-ti-cia, a-mor y ver-dad.
*Estribillo*

3 Sois fue-go y sa-bia
que vi-ne a tra-er,
sois la o-la que a-gi-ta la mar.
La le-va-du-ra pe-que-ña de a-yer
fer-men-ta la ma-sa del pan.
U-na ciu-dad no se pue-de es-con-der,
ni los mon-tes se han de o-cul-tar,
en es-tas o-bras que bus-can el bien,
el mun-do a Dios ha de ver.
*Estribillo*

2 You are the flame that will bright-en
the way,
send-ing spar-kles of hope, faith,
and love;
you are the shep-herds
to lead the whole world
through val-leys and pas-tures of peace.
You are the friends that I chose for my-self,
the word that I want to pro-claim.
You are the cit-y that's built on a rock
where jus-tice and truth al-ways reign.
*Refrain*

3 You are the life that will nur-ture the plant;
you're the waves in a tur-bu-lent sea;
yes-ter-day's yeast is be-gin-ning to rise,
a new loaf of bread it will yield.
There is no place for a cit-y to hide,
nor a moun-tain can cov-er its might;
may your good deeds
show a world in de-spair
a path that will lead all to God.
*Refrain*

*This hymn by Spanish theologian Cesáreo Gabaraín first appeared in the collection* Dios con nosotros, *published in Madrid. The tune, which can be translated in English as "Go and Teach," was arranged by Mexican organist and choral director Skinner Chávez-Melo.*

Tune: ID Y ENSEÑAD 10.9.10.8.D. with refrain
*Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1979*
*Harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987*

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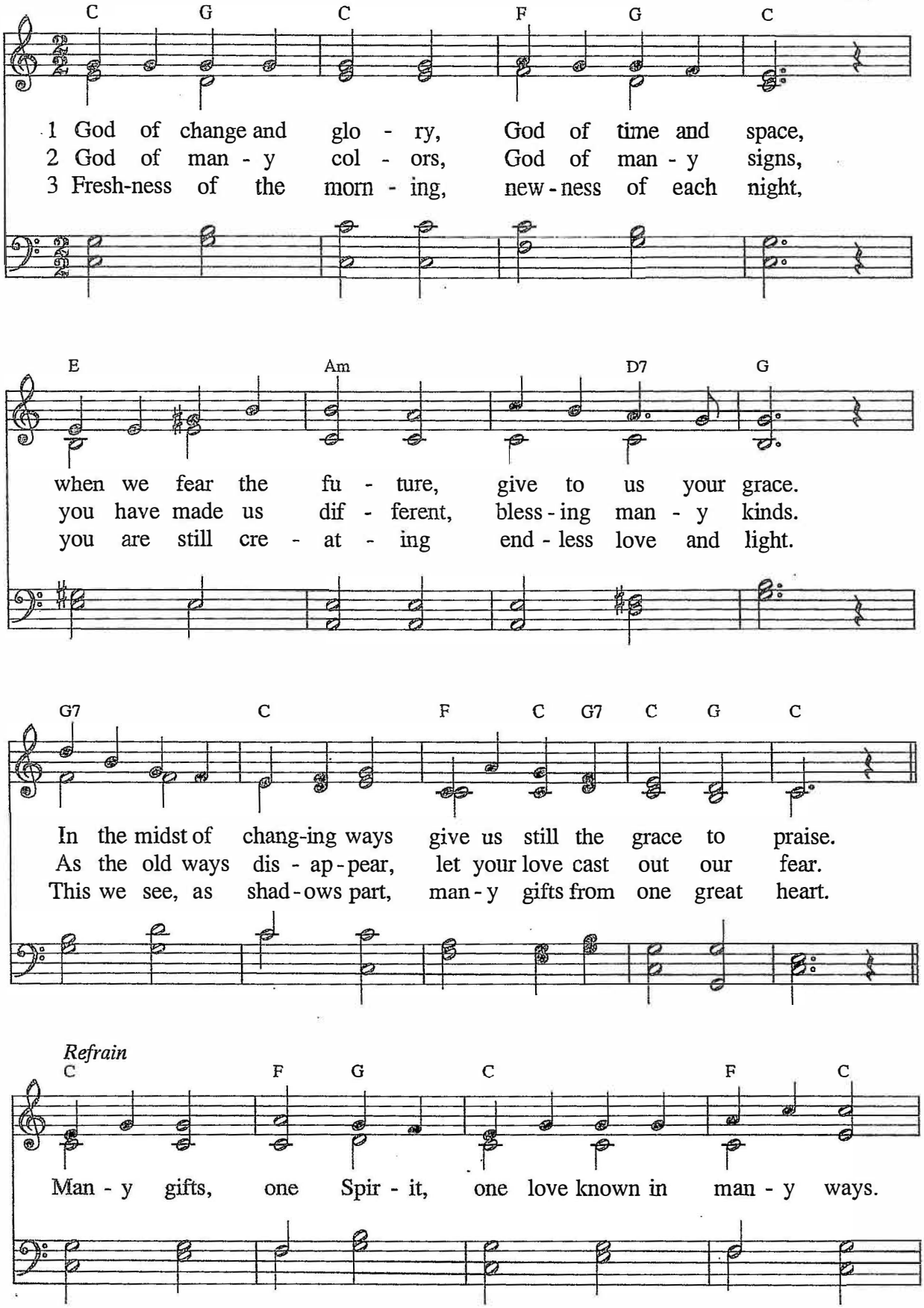
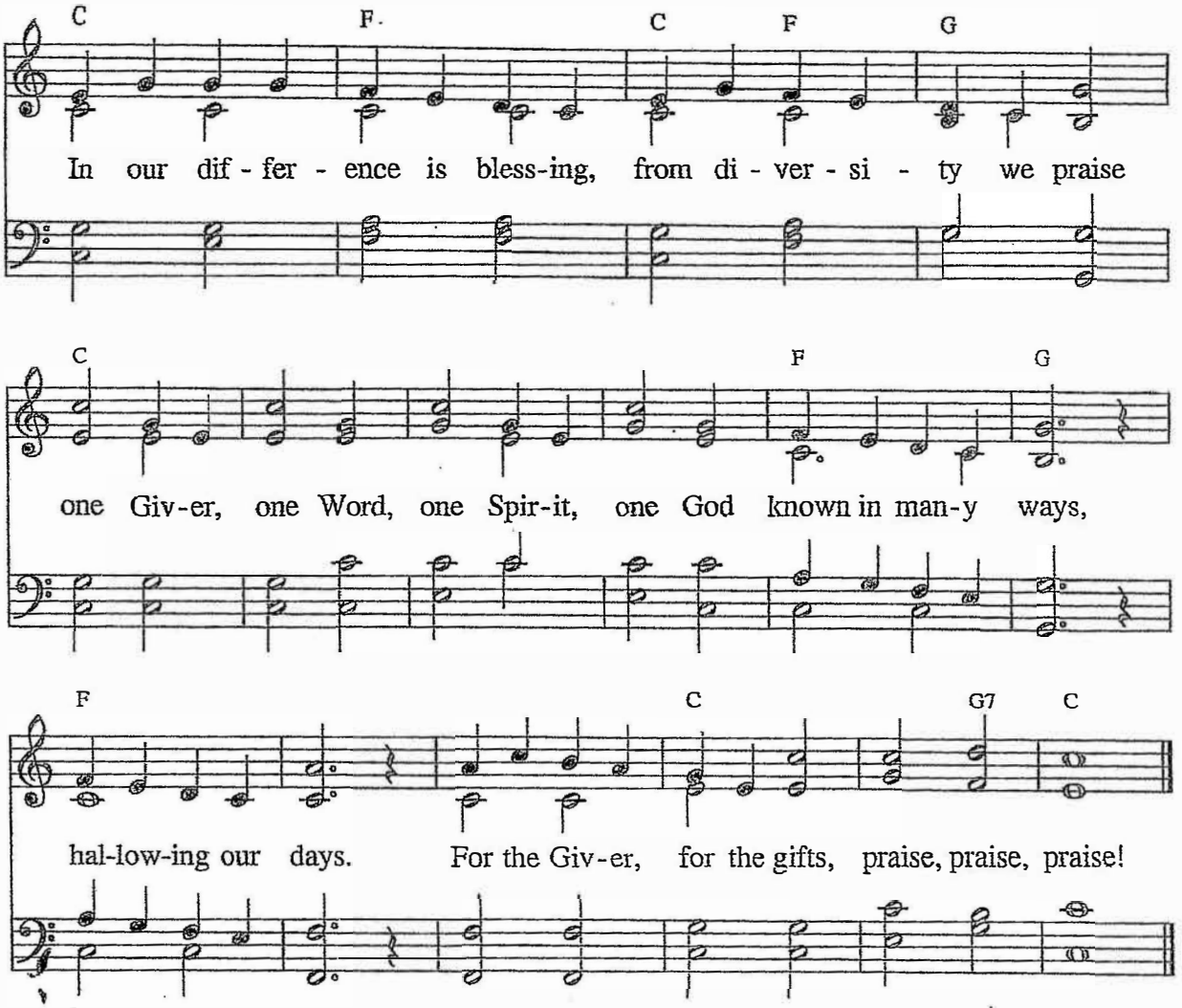
*1 Cor. 12:4–27*

*Al Carmines, 1973*

C G C F G C
1 God of change and glo - ry, God of time and space,
2 God of man - y col - ors, God of man - y signs,
3 Fresh-ness of the morn - ing, new - ness of each night,
E Am D7 G
when we fear the fu - ture, give to us your grace.
you have made us dif - ferent, bless - ing man - y kinds.
you are still cre - at - ing end - less love and light.
G7 C F C G7 C G C
In the midst of chang-ing ways give us still the grace to praise.
As the old ways dis - ap - pear, let your love cast out our fear.
This we see, as shad - ows part, man - y gifts from one great heart.
Refrain
C F G C F C
Man - y gifts, one Spir - it, one love known in man - y ways.

*Al Carmines, composer, playwright, performer, and teacher, has served as minister for two United Church of Christ congregations in New York City. This hymn, commissioned in 1973, was one of the first modern texts to claim diversity as a gift from God.*

Tune: KATHERINE 6.5.6.5.7.7.
*Al Carmines, 1973*


C F C F G
In our dif - fer - ence is bless-ing, from di - ver - si - ty we praise
C F G
one Giv-er, one Word, one Spir-it, one God known in man-y ways,
F C G7 C
hal-low-ing our days. For the Giv-er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

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Alvin Allison Carmines Jr. (b. 1936) was commissioned to write this hymn in 1973 for the Assembly of the Women's Division, General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. The text expresses the diversity and acceptability of all human gifts.

Al Carmines was ordained to the United Church of Christ ministry in 1960. He was pastor at Judson Memorial Church in New York's Greenwich Village for twenty years before moving to Rauschenbusch United Church of Christ, also in New York City.

Alvin Allison Carmines Jr. (b. 1936) wrote this tune to accompany his own words and named it KATHERINE after his mother. The hymn often appears in hymnals under its familiar title "Many Gifts, One Spirit."

Al Carmines has served as adjunct professor of musical theater at Columbia University. He is the recipient of five Obie Awards, the Drama Desk Award, and the Vernon Rice Award for his work in the theater, which includes musical plays, an opera, and a dance oratorio.